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improved, would prove to be productive of the following benefits to the people of Thiruvella and Changanacheri.

(1) There would be ample water convenience to the paddy fields of Ezhuyillam and Payipadu.

(2) The cultivation of the Kaviyoor *punja* fields, the produce of which was destroyed by inundations, could be carried on conveniently.

(3) The Kuttanad lands might be cultivated every year, instead of, as at present, once in two years.

(4) The forest produce available on the banks of the Manimala river could be easily brought down to the Changanacheri market.

(5) Branches of trees, greatly needed for the upkeep of the *chiras* of the paddy fields, could be easily got down.

(6) The Kuttanad lands would be fertilized by the alluvium washed down by the rivers during floods.

The Member then suggested that the canal might be improved under one of the following conditions, viz, (1) the recovery from the ryots of a portion of the outlay to be incurred, or (2) the payment to the Government of the interest on the amount that might now be expended, for as many years as the Government might now intend to postpone the execution of the work.

The Member also proposed that arrangements might be made for affording facilities to the ryots in the matter of getting loans under the Agricultural Improvement Loans Regulation and that the present Director of Agriculture might be appointed as an Irrigation Officer to enquire into and report on the conditions of the agriculturists who might apply for loans.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

**Construction of a lock in the Pathiyur canal to prevent damage to crops by the influx of brackish water from the Kayenkulam lake.**

*Mr. Sankaran Kochukunju Channar* (Member, Nominated) said that the crops and cocoanut plantations were being damaged by the inrush of salt water from the Kayenkulam lake in the hot season. The construction of a lock at Pattukadavu in the Pathiyur canal would prevent the influx of salt water, which would not only help the cultivators, but also supply pure water for cattle and men to drink.

*Dewan.*—The matter will be looked into.

**Construction of a surplus sluice at the lower end of the Melamaruthukulam tank in Valavachathottam *pakuthi* to prevent damage by submergence.**

*Mr. C. Madhaven Pillai, B. A.* (Member, Kalkulam taluk) stated that it might seem anomalous to speak about damage by submersion, when the cry in South Travancore was for water. The Pamboorni channel was a water-course about 10 miles in length, which dried up during most part of the year.

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